

**LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF \$38 MILLION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE RECOVERY WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

Whereas, the Recovery Workforce Training Program (RWTP) will seek to augment the State's current workforce training efforts by developing sector-based training programs tailored to the needs of the impacted regions and the recovery sectors;

Whereas, the RWTP will develop a highly skilled and well-trained workforce to meet the immediate and long-term needs of the six identified recovery sectors - Construction, Healthcare, Transportation, Advanced Manufacturing, Oil & Gas, and Cultural Sector;

Whereas, Louisiana will seek to fund demand-driven, sector-based training programs that will include comprehensive strategies for assessing, recruiting, training, hiring and retaining a skilled and productive workforce specific to the needs of the recovery-critical sectors;

Whereas, the RWTP will seek proposals from entities that can demonstrate a proven track record in developing and implementing sector-based workforce training programs in one or more of the recovery sectors and each group that applies for funding under the program will be required to provide a detailed plan of the proposed approach the group would use to deliver the skilled workforce;

Whereas, projects will be funded in the parishes in southeast and southwest Louisiana most affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, including but not limited to those with substantial infrastructure damage;

Whereas, consideration will be given to entities that include the key partners such as companies and/or industry associations for which the training and hiring will be done; community and/or technical colleges; Workforce Investment Boards; other training providers; and other interested parties; and

Whereas, to meet the extreme workforce demands of the recovery sectors, the consortia which include programs that address the needs of local underserved populations such as high school students not planning to go to college, out-of-school youth, soon to be released inmates, and adults needing basic skills instruction such as reading and math will be considered for additional points in the RFP process.

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby recommend to the Governor and the Louisiana Legislature approval of "Proposed Action Plan Amendment Number 3" for the use of \$38 million in Community Development Block Grant funds for the Recovery Workforce Training Program.*

*THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby authorize its Executive Director and Chairman of the Economic and Workforce Development Task Force to provide written approval to the Office of Community Development for amendments that may be necessary for successful program implementation that are in conformity with the policy direction of the LRA and which are deemed “non substantive” by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.*